

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY SENATE 10/13/67

The Senate met in regular session at 2:10 pm, October 13, 1967, on the fifth floor Lisner Library. Vice President Harold F. Bright presided during the first part of the meeting in the absence of President Elliott who was attending another meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Bright welcomed the new Dean of Women Margaret Nolte, and the new Dean of Men Donald Young, special guests of the Senate.

Professor Wood, in his remarks announced that the next meeting of the Senate, scheduled to be held on November 10, would fall on a holiday (Veterans Day). He moved, seconded by Professor Reesing, that November 17 be chosen as a meeting date. The motion passed without dissent.

Professor Wood announced the appointment of Mr. John C. Einbinder as an ex officio member of the Physical Facilities Committee. Professor Wood also announced the election of Professor Charles J. Herber as a member of the Senate from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, to fulfill the term of office for Professor Robert W. Kenny who is on sabbatical leave.

In referring to the proposal for a modified semester plan which was rejected by the Senate at a special meeting last May, Professor Wood pointed out that the Columbian College had specifically requested the Senate's Educational Policy Committee to restudy or to continue to study the possibility of advantageous modifications in the University calendar. He suggested that such study might well be done in cooperation with the Senate's committee on Administrative Matters as they Affect the Faculty.

On motion made and seconded Professor David Green was unanimously elected a member of the Public Ceremonies Committee.

On motion made and seconded Professor Howard M. Sachar was nominated the faculty member-at-large on the Library Council.

On behalf of the Executive Committee Professor Wood nominated Professor Peter P. Hill to replace Professor Robert Kenny as chairman of the Student Relationships Committee. There were no nominations from the floor, and Professor Hill was elected unanimously.

In the absence of Professor Allen, Chairman of the Faculty Performance and Development Committee, Professor Wood introduced A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF CHAPLAINS (67/1), and moved its adoption. He requested the chair to extend the privilege of the floor to Professor Robert Jones to speak to this Resolution.

After some discussion and remarks to the question by Professors Jones, Willson, Park, Heller, Zuchelli, and Liverman, Professor Heller moved, seconded by Professor Liverman, that the Resolution be referred back to the

Executive Committee for further study. The motion of referral was defeated.

Professor Park recommended an amendment to provide for a more definitive title for the Resolution. The use of the word "establish" in the title and in paragraph 3 of the Resolution was questioned - whether or not the Senate was in a position to "establish" a board. More discussion followed, and Professor Willson moved, seconded by Professor Sharpe, a recess for fifteen minutes. The motion to recess was passed.

The Senate reconvened at 3:00 pm, President Elliott presiding.

Professor Sharpe moved, seconded by Professor Hill, the amendment of paragraph 1 of the Resolution, to strike the first line "That there shall be established a Board of Chaplains, composed of." Paragraph 1 to begin with the next line "The designated religious leaders and advisors of each religious organization now or hereafter authorized" inserting at this point "by The George Washington University Committee on Religious Life" then to continue "to conduct activities on campus" and to insert at the end of the paragraph "shall be recognized as the Board of Chaplains to The George Washington University." The paragraph now to read as amended:

1. The designated religious leaders and advisors of each religious organization now or hereafter authorized by The George Washington University Committee on Religious Life to conduct activities on campus, shall be recognized as the Board of Chaplains to The George Washington University.

The question was called and the amendment passed.

Dr. Norman Kramer suggested a change in the title of the Resolution, as well as that the word "established" in the third paragraph be changed to "recognized." After discussion to the question Professor Perros moved, seconded by Professor Lewis, the title of the Resolution be changed from:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF CHAPLAINS,

to:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE RECOGNITION OF A BOARD OF CHAPLAINS,

and that the word "established" in Paragraph 3 be changed to "recognized" so that Paragraph 3 of the Resolution read as amended:

3. It is the intention of this Resolution that the Board of Chaplains, thus recognized shall be a part of the University community; however, members of the Board of Chaplains shall not be deemed administrative officers of the University, members of any academic department thereof, nor as official representatives of the University by reason of such office.

The question was called and the amendment passed.

Professor Park moved that paragraph 4 of the Resolution be amended by striking the entire paragraph after the word "President" in the third line. The amendment was duly seconded and carried. Paragraph 4 of the Resolution

now to read as amended:

4. The University Committee on Religious Life shall exercise such authority, in consultation with the Board of Chaplains, as may be delegated to it by the President.

Resolution 67/1 attached as amended.

Professor Wood introduced A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION (67/2) to Mrs. Ruth Brosnan for her years of excellent service to the University Senate, as assistant to the Secretary, and to the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Having been duly seconded, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Professor John W. Brewer spoke briefly on faculty participation in the preparation of the academic calendar, particularly with respect to details such as the opening day of classes, the days of registration, examination period scheduling, etc.

Mr. Robin Kaye, President of the Student Government, invited members of the Senate to attend meetings of the Student Council.

Questions were raised by Professor Heller regarding the extent to which the study of calendar reform was to be carried out by the Senate or its committees.

Professor Willson commented concerning the value of full discussion of resolutions introduced. He urged that referring Resolutions back to committees for further study is a procedure that should be used only infrequently.

On motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Frederick R. Houser
Secretary


THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

October 3, 1967

The University Senate

The University Senate will meet at 2:10 pm, Friday, October 13, 1967, in The Faculty Conference Room, fifth floor, Library Building.

- Agenda:
- 1) Minutes of previous meeting. —
 - 2) Introduction of the Dean of Men and of the Dean of Women.
 - 3) Remarks of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
 - 4) Nomination of Professor David Green as additional member of the Public Ceremonies Committee: election.
 - 5) Nomination of member-at-large for Library Council.
 - 6) Nomination and election of chairman of Student Relationships Committee. The Executive Committee will nominate Professor Peter P. Hill.
 - 7) Presentation of a Resolution to Establish a Board of Chaplains (67/1). Resolution will be introduced by Professor Richard C. Allen on behalf of the Executive Committee. Resolution attached.
 - 8) Presentation of a Resolution to express appreciation to Mrs. Ruth Brosnan for her many years of excellent service to the University Senate (67/2). Resolution attached.
 - 9) Period for brief statements by members of the Senate and by visitors.
 - a. Professor John W. Brewer on faculty participation in preparation of the academic calendar.
 - b. Others.
 - 10) Adjournment.


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